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THE PORTUGUESE IN MOZAMBIQUE.
London Sept. 14.—News received from East Africa states that an encounter has taken place between a Portuguese force at Lorenzo Marques, Delagoa Bay, and a large body of natives, under the chief Ziohachub. The natives were defeated 300 of their number being killed. The Portuguese lost

CATASTROPHE IN SWITZERLAND.
London, Sept. 12.—A terrible disaster is reported from Switzerland. An avalanche fell from the Alps into the Gemmi Pass, overwhelming the path for two miles. Ten

COSTA RICA PACKET CASE.

London, Sept. 12.—The *Clear* of Russia has appointed Professor Martens an expert in matters of international law, as arbitrator in the Costa Rica Packet case.

FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES.

London, Sept. 8.—The newspapers in Paris are inciting the Government to resist the demand of the United States Government for the immediate release of Mr. Walker, formerly United States consul at Managua, and for the payment of an indemnity for having incarcerated him on a charge of bigamy against the Hovas against the French military expedition in that country. It was recently announced that the Governments of France and America were carrying on parleying on the subject in a friendly spirit. It

Paris newspapers now urge the Government not to yield to what they describe as the 'American clamour' for Mr Walker's release.

London, Sept. 6.—A deputation representing the Imperial Federation League was received yesterday by Lord Salisbury (Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs), the Duke of Devonshire (Lord President of the Council), the Marquis of Lansdowne (Secretary of State for the Colonies), and the Marquis of Ripon (Secretary of State for India).

down (Secretary of State for War), and Joseph Chamberlain (Secretary of the Colonies). The latter, however, in a speech made upon the suggestion of the special committee of the league appointed to deal with the question, declared that the effect of the suggestion that the Government should invite colonies to contribute towards the cost of maintaining the navy on condition that they have a say in the management of the fleet, is that Ministers are committed to give careful consideration to the suggestion. Lord Salisbury in speaking on the question, implied that there was a danger that the proposition might be taken to mean that the colonies would have direct control. In commenting upon this proposal, the *Standard* expresses doubt as to whether the question is ripe for settlement in the present state of public opinion. The suggestion of the defence committee of the Imperial Federation League, the *Times* says, is that the gratuitous naval defence of the colonies by the Empire is a waste of money, and that the colonies should be invited to maintain the navy, would be virtually the same

if the Empire was relieved of the defence of the colonies, though the voluntary contribution of the colonies would be a well-earned earnest of the sympathy of the colonies.

London, Sept. 10.—*The Times* this morning contains a letter written by Mr. Armstrong, of Victoria, expressing doubt as to whether the Government would be disposed to contribute the present sum of £100,000 to the Government of the Prince of Wales to the Australian Auxiliary Squadron.

A ROYAL BETROTHAL.

London, Sept. 10.—*Princess* Alexandra of Coburg, third daughter of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, is betrothed to Prince Hohenlohe-Langenburg.

COLLAPSE OF A FIERCE.

London, Sept. 9.—*An alarming* sea took place to-day at the fashionable resort in Lanesborough, crowded with people the end of the collapsed, and 400 of those upon it were thrown into the sea.

Many of the men to gain the help of the lifeboats, and assistance was rendered to the One person was drowned.

PAPAL INFALLIBILITY.
London, Sept. 10.—Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster, has delivered in the course of a speech on the subject of the reunion of Christendom, that the first condition of reunion is the admission of Papal

SCULLING IN ENGLAND.
London, Sept. 9.—A race was rowed the championship course in the Thames, Putney to Mortlake this afternoon between C. B. Harding, of Putney, and T. S. formerly of New Zealand and Sydney £200 a side and the champion of England. Harding, who was the holder of the championship, won easily by

The boat was 11 to 10 on Harding Sullivan led for half the distance then became exhausted.

ACRIC EXPLOSION.
London, Sept. 11.—News has just come to the effect that on the 10th the North Pole, which left England in 1894, at the steamer Winward, under command of Mr F. G. Jackson, F.R.S., was reached Foulé Island, off the coast of Norway.

Sept. 12.—Three of the crew Winward died from scurvy. Mr and the others of the crew of the expedition, under the command of Mr Joseph Lead southward in the 3rd of March last.

The expedition was organised by C. W. Hornsworth, who provides greater portion of the cost. The Winward a screw steamship, was specially built up for the voyage.

EXTENSIVE STOCK.
London, September 12.—L. H. Gwynne, a cricketer who has recently come front as a batsman, heads the averages in first-class matches for the season with an average of 55.1. He comes next with 51.2, and Dr W. G. is third with an average of 51. A seventh on the list, and Dr H. B. is 10th, with a bowling average of 14. London is fourth, and Peel sixth.

Sept. 8.—In the cricketer just concluded between the North and of England, Dr W. Grace scored his

century for the present cricket season.
London, Sept. 11.—The match
Mr A. E. Stoddard's cricket team
All England Eleven was concluded
to-day. There was again a large

Stoddart's Eleven resumed their innings, and at the adjournment eleven had scored 182 runs for the loss of five wickets. On resuming play Lockwood made a protracted stand and did some excellent bowling. When the score had reached 289 Stoddart declared the innings closed. Furd played a splendid innings, scoring 111 not out. Lockwood was also excellent form, and put together 66 runs. Both were loudly cheered on retiring to the pavilion.

made a feeble display of batting in the second innings, being quite unable to resist the bowling of Richardson and Peckham. The result was a narrow escape for the home team.

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